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92 Tobacco Retailers Recognized For Compliance Awards

(Clearfield, Utah) – The Davis County Health Department and local law enforcement

agencies have been running a program to reduce underage access to tobacco in some cities since 1989.

The following Davis County retailers have been awarded certificates of recognition for not selling tobacco products to minors. Stores that have been in compliance for 20 years include: Sinclair Main Street Service of **Layton** and Saigon Market of **Sunset**. Ten years or more in compliance includes: 7-Eleven (Main) of **Kaysville**. Five-year compliance awards went to: Rite Aid, Smith's Marketplace, and Hardy Enterprises (Main) of **Bountiful**; Top Stop of **Centerville**; Maverik (700 S.), Winegars, Super Stop Texaco, and Smoke & More of **Clearfield**; Smith's Fuel Center of **Farmington**; RB's, and Walgreens of **Kaysville**; Rite Aid, 7-Eleven (Main), Smith's Fuel Center, and Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market of **Layton**; Top Stop and Neighbors Market of **North Salt Lake**; Smith's Food & Drug and Smith's Fuel Center of **Sunset**; Walgreens, Smith's Food & Drug, and Maverik of **Syracuse**; and Super Stop Texaco of **West Bountiful**.

Stores that were checked for tobacco compliance from July 2011 – June 2012 and did not sell to an underage buyer received a one-year award:

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- **Bountiful:** Smith's Food & Drug, Corner 22, Common Cents, Fresh Market, Hardy Enterprises (Sinclair), Maverik (Main), Maverik (200 West), Slim Olsons, Smith's Fuel Center, Smokey's Discount, Walgreens, Smoke Dreams Hookah Accessories and Gifts.
- **Centerville:** 7-Eleven, Maverik, Wal-Mart.
- **Clearfield:** Maverik (1700 S.), Petro Mart (Conoco), Maverik (709 State), Maverik (300 N.), RB's (Antelope), Smokey's Discount Cigarette, High Coral LLC. (666 N.), JP's Chevron (700 S.), Walt's Phillips 66.
- **Clinton:** Walgreens, 7-Eleven, Déjà vu.
- **Farmington:** Park Lane Chevron
- **Kaysville:** 7-Eleven, Fresh Market.
- **Layton:** Common Cents, East Layton Chevron, Walgreens, Wal-mart, Tesoro Short Stop, Tesoro Kwik Stop, Conoco, Hardy Enterprises (Sinclair), Nine Star Chevron, Fresh Market, Maverik (400 W.), Maverik (Gordon), Maverik (Main), Maverik (Highway 193), RB's One Stop, Smith's Food and Drug, Smoke Shop Plus Hookah, Smokey's Discount, Triple Stop (Highway 193), Triple Stop Chevron (Gentile).
- **North Salt Lake:** Hardy Enterprises (Orchard), Flying J, Walker's Chevron, Winegars.
- **Sunset:** 7-Eleven, Sunrise Enterprises Inc.
- **Syracuse:** Wal-Mart, Smith's Fuel Center
- **West Bountiful:** 7-Eleven (400 N.), 7-Eleven (1100 W.), Chevron (500 W.).
- **Woods Cross:** Apple Food Stores, RB's Interstate, Walgreens, Slim Olsons, 7-Eleven.

From July 2011 - June 2012, 425 attempts were made by underage buyers supervised by local law enforcement to purchase tobacco products, according to Davis County Health Department director Lewis Garrett. "Of those 425 attempts, 17 resulted in an illegal sale of tobacco to a minor for a county buy rate of 4.0%," he said.

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“I’m pleased with the continued downward trend from last year’s buy rate when it was 5.5%. We’re down significantly from our high of 14% we saw for the July 2006 – June 2007 timeframe,” he said. “We conduct a very robust program aimed at educating tobacco retailers how to train their clerks to identify underage buyers and it’s still showing good results,” Garrett said.

“I extend my congratulations and appreciation to the management and staff of those retailers who work hard to keep tobacco products away from underage teens,” he said.

Sale of tobacco products to a person under 19 is a Class C Misdemeanor on the first offense. Clerks are issued citations at the time of the violation. In addition, store owners are subject to civil penalties for sale of tobacco to an underage buyer. Stores receive fines for the first two violations and a 30-day tobacco license suspension on the third violation. Upon the fourth violation within a 12-month period, the store’s license to sell tobacco will be revoked. A store’s fine may be reduced if they have a documented training program and proof that their employee was trained.

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